

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 562

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leon Tittle.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today in time of war, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Leon Tittle, a true American hero; and

WHEREAS, Leon Tittle entered the United States Army on December 28, 1941, just 21 days after Pearl Harbor; he served as a Gun Corpsman in Heavy Artillery with Battery C of the 195th Field Artillery Battalion upon his completion of Basic Training; and

WHEREAS, with courage and fierce determination, Private First Class Tittle saw action at Normandy and the Ardennes Offensive at the Battle of the Bulge; he was captured and held for six months in a prisoner of war camp and shot three times while escaping; and

WHEREAS, for his valiant service in combat, Private First Class Tittle was awarded a Purple Heart with Two Clusters, the European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon with Four

Bronze Stars, the American Theatre Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Leon Tittle, like all American veterans from Valley Forge to Iraq, unselfishly paid the price of freedom for his friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, Leon Tittle was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tittle enjoyed the loving companionship of his beloved wife, Lucille Tittle, and was the proud father of devoted daughter, Delilah Frazier; and

WHEREAS, Leon Tittle leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, heroism and courage in combat and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor the memory of those courageous men and women who made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional soldier and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Leon Tittle, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his devotion to his country during World War II and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Leon Tittle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

